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## District Studies Methods To Aid Donner Project

### May Seek Federal Money To Expand Utilities In This Area

C. Edmunds, manager of the Truckee Public Utility District, attended a meeting of the Bureau of Community Facilities of the General Services Administration, held in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium in Reno Tuesday, December 20.

Wright L. Felt, division engineer from the services administration headquarters in San Francisco, called the meeting for the purpose of advising and acquainting those interested with the recently authorized program of federal aid in financing the cost of plan preparation and other action preliminary to the construction of non-Federal public works.

The types of public works for which money may be obtained for plan preparation, explained Felt, are roads, streets and bridges, electric power plants and distribution systems, sewer, water and sanitation facilities, schools, hospitals, parks and airports and other related and miscellaneous public works.

Edmunds explained that his interest in the meeting was the possibility of getting advances for planning additions to the utility district's electric system and for water development around Donner Lake.

The engineering firm of L. Cedric Macabee of Palo Alto has been retained by the directors of the district to make a study and report on possible water development around Donner Lake and Dean S. Kingman of that firm is to submit a preliminary report at the next meeting of the directors Tuesday evening, December 27. It is expected that representatives of the Donner Lake Company and other interested parties will be present at this meeting when the question of financing such an undertaking will be discussed.

Under the terms of annexation of that territory to the district, the cost of financing utility services must be borne by the inhabitants thereof and it does not become an obligation of the district as a whole.

## LOCAL HOOP ACES CHALK UP SIXTH STRAIGHT VICTORY

The American Legion's Truckee basketball team took fire in the second half of their game here last night against Kings Beach to chalk up their sixth win in seven starts this season. The final score was 84 to 38. The Loyalton squad, which was to have come here last night, was forced to cancel its trip.

In other games this week, the locals beat DeLuxe Taxi of Reno here Saturday night 62-34 and traveled to Reno Monday night to down the Reno Naval Reserve 42 to 36.

The Truckee team will play no more games until after the first of the year, according to Coach John Rau.

## NO MORE FREE STREET LIGHTS, BOARD DECREES

"Two petitions have been presented to the board of directors of the Truckee Public Utility District requesting the installation of additional street lights," said E. L. Loynd, chairman of the board.

One presented by the residents of the Meadow Lake Park tract requested lights in that area and the other was a petition for a light in the neighborhood of the newly relocated Catholic Church.

The district in the past, Loynd said, has installed and maintained the street lights free of charge. Due to the greatly increased cost of labor and materials the board of directors recently adopted the policy and made a ruling that hereafter those requesting additional street lights must pay for the cost of installing them.

The district will continue to serve and maintain all street lights now or hereafter installed.

## Father of Ray Roberts Dies After Long Illness

Raymond Roberts received word of the death of his father, James Roberts, at Rio Dell yesterday morning. The deceased, 81 years old, visited here three months ago although he had been in failing health for several years.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

**Home Again—**

Mrs. Jack McGlade and sons John and Stanley arrived home from St. Mary's Hospital this week.

## Sportsmen Will Ask State Help On Stream Here

### 1950 Seasons to be Set At January Sessions Of Commission

Harold Hodson, president of the Truckee Outdoor Sportsmen, yesterday said he was calling a meeting of the club directors within the next few days to prepare recommendations for the meeting of the State Fish and Game Commission to be held in the State Building, San Francisco, on January 6.

Aside from urging improvements on the Truckee River, Hodson said he did did not know of any other specific plans to be presented.

William J. Silva, commission president, has issued an invitation to California sportsmen to present their recommendations at the meeting January 6. It will be the first of two sessions under the recently amended regulatory powers act. Commissioners will establish 1950 hunting and fishing regulations at a meeting to be held January 27 in Los Angeles.

Interested individuals or organizations may make their suggestions by mail or personal appearance at the January 6 meeting, Silva said.

California's hunting regulations were formerly set in April of each year. The new legislative act requires the group to act on both hunting and angling rules in January. Abstracts of the new regulations must be distributed within 60 days of the final January meet.

Another new legislative act makes it mandatory that 30 days notice be given by the commission before discussing the opening of refuges or taking of female deer. Silva urged sportsmen or groups proposing abolishment of a legislative refuge or controlled doe shooting to submit the recommendations at the commission's Ferry Building office in San Francisco as soon as possible.

## GOVERNOR NAMES TRUCKEE MAN ON REGIONAL BOARD

Cecil Edmunds, manager of the Truckee Public Utility District, has been named as a member of the State Water Pollution Board by Governor Earl Warren.

Edmunds represents water supply, conservation and production in the Lahontan Region which includes basins along the eastern boundary of the state from the Oregon line to Los Angeles.

In each of the nine regions into which the state has been divided, there is a regional board of five members to carry the state anti-pollution policies into effect in the solution of their local problems. With one member yet to be appointed in the Lahontan Region, the other members serving with Edmunds are T. V. Ogilvie, county engineer of Lassen County; Clyde Tatum, formerly of Victorville, representing irrigated districts and C. W. Anderson, M. D., county health officer and health officer of Bishop.

The governor had previously announced the appointment of a 13-member state board that will establish an over all anti-pollution program for the state.

## Leader Gives Party For Local Brownies

Eighteen members of the Brownies were given a pre-Christmas party in the Wyethia Club building on Tuesday afternoon by their leader, Mrs. Gladys Pedley, Mrs. John Rablin, committee chairman, Mrs. Walter Loynd and Mrs. William Englehart Jr., who assisted in the arrangements and serving refreshments.

The girls planned and took part in the program and exchanged gifts which were taken from a gaily decorated tree. The Brownies had earlier made cones which were filled with confections for refreshment time.

Mrs. Pedley was hostess Wednesday afternoon at a similar party for students of her dancing classes.

## Churches Prepare Programs To Observe Birthdate Of Christ

All churches of the area are planning special observances for the traditional anniversary of the Birth of Christ which falls on Sunday.

Rev. Oscar Swenson of the Community Methodist Church announces the Sunday School prowill be held at 7:30 Friday evening at the church. Pupils from all classes have been practicing regularly during recent weeks to make the program one to be remembered.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. will be followed by Christmas service at 11 on Christmas Day. Evening vespers at 7 p.m. Sunday will feature the singing of Christmas Carols. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

The pastor will conduct a Christmas service at the Kings Beach Community Church following the Sunday School exercises there.

The Truckee Christian Science Group will hold services at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Wyethia Club edifice. The subject of the Lesson-Sermon will be "Christian Science" with the Golden Text from Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In the local Catholic parish, confession will be heard Christmas Eve at the Church of the Assumption from 3 to 5 and from 9 to 11:30 p.m., followed by High Mass at midnight. Mass will also be celebrated at 9:30 Chirstmas morning in the Truckee church.

At Corpus Christi Church in Tahoe City, the same schedule will be followed as at the Truckee church. At Soda Springs Christmas Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. in Beacon Hill Lodge.

Father J. Boland and Father P. O'Neill will be in charge of the Catholic Christmas services.

## Youngsters Welcome Santa at Theater

Nearly 250 children last Saturday were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Shattuck at a Donner Theater party given as a reception for Santa Claus, who personally greeted each child with a salutation and presented gifts to all. A program of appropriate motion pictures provided the entertainment.

## County's Taxable Value Up a Third in Decade

Taxable value of property in Nevada County is 33.3 per cent greater this year than it was in 1941-42, California Taxpayers' Association reports.

For 1949-50 total taxable value of property in the county reached $24,211,930, compared with $18,161,975 for 1941-42. Assessed value of property in the county for this year is 4.5 per cent more than for 1948-49 when it reached $23,178,700.

Statewide, the assessed value of taxable property is 80 per cent greater for 1949-50 than it was for 1941-42 and 8.5 per cent greater than in 1948-49.

## Added Funds Granted for Donner Park Roads

**SACRAMENTO —(W.N.S.)— The state public works board this week approved an additional $4,000 for roads and parking facilities at Donner Memorial State Park. Originally, the board gave the state division of beaches and parks $38,250 for this work.**

## Christmas Tree Party After Sisters' Session

A Christmas tree party will be given this evening, following the regular meeting of the Pythian Sisters Summit Temple 79, with Shirley Straub and members of her team, who lost an attendance drive, as hostesses to Beverly Wilson and other members who won the contest.

Babies' and small children's costumes will be worn by the participants, promising to add merriment to the event. A special cake and other refreshments, in the holiday idea, will be served.

Each member is requested to take a gift for exchange, not to exceed 50 cents in value.

## 691 Violators Nabbed by Wardens Last Month

SAN FRANCISCO— Nearly one out of every thousand California sportsmen afield during the month of November was arrested for a violation of the fish and game code, according to the bureau of patrol.

State fish and game wardens nabbed 691 violators for 733 offenses. Fines totalled $27,643 and jail sentences added up to 715 days.

**To Visit Son—**

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Thornton are planning to spend Christmas Day with their son Billy, who is a patient in the Shrine Hospital at San Francisco. Billy is recuperating following a recent operation on his foot.

## Sun Beams

by Walter M. Barrett

Officers of the California Highway Patrol this year have explicit orders to tolerate no drunk or reckless driving on highways, despite the holiday spirits which will prevail. All officers will be on duty throughout the holiday period to enforce these orders in an attempt to eliminate, as far as possible, tragic and needless accidents. Safe and sane drivers, realizing the heavy traffic conditions and the usual hazards of winter driving, will not need the services of these officers. On the other hand, they will also realize that the car they meet may have a drunk or reckless driver at the wheel and for this fact alone they will welcome the orders for officers to use more than ordinary alertness in apprehending violators.

This week, through the columns of the Sierra Sun, scores of Truckee, Tahoe and Donner Summit business people, county officials and others are extending Christmas greetings to their friends and patrons. In soliciting and taking orders for these greeting ads, we know that the sentiments expressed are those of the sender and we sincerely urge you scan them carefully for they are intended for each and every one.

In closing our column for this week, we wish to take this opportunity in joining the other business people of the district in extending our hearty and sincere wish for a Very Joyous and Happy Christmas, and our hope is that in the celebration none shall forget the real purpose of the occasion.

## ASKS FOR $30,000 IN ACTION OVER TRUCKEE CAFE

A $30,000 damage suit was filed in superior court at Nevada City by Leo T. Fisher, former Truckee restaurant operator, against Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Polyanich, well known Truckee business people and owners of the California Cafe which had been leased to Fisher.

Fisher charges, through his attorney, John L. LaRue, that the Polyanichs made illegal entry and retention of the cafe and also alleges trover, a technical legal term implying that the defendants found goods and refused to give them up.

In discussing the affair, the Polyanichs said they entered the restaurant after it was closed by Fisher to make renovations and repairs to the structure which they own. They also declare that Fisher did not comply with his lease.

## No Mercy for Slayer Of Hempel, D.A. Urges

RENO— District Attorney Harold Taber disclosed he has forwarded a recommendation to the Nevada state board of pardons and paroles asking that convicted slayer Mark James Donnelly be confined to prison for the rest of his natural life.

Donnelly, 29, was convicted on November 2 of the slaying of Walter Hempel, Lake Tahoe realtor, near Cal-Neva last summer.

Taber pointed out that Donnelly, when his trial ended, appeared pleased with his sentence and predicted he would be free on parole in seven years.

The district attorney said that Donnelly's previous record showed convictions for armed robbery, car theft and burglary and recommended he be kept in prison for the full life term.

In a final paragraph to the parole board, Taber said he thinks Donnelly was lucky in escaping the death penalty.

**Returns Home—**

A. Ellert of the Truckee Sport Shop, who has been visiting with friends in the southern part of the state, has returned home. Among others, he visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carruthers, former Truckee residents.

## Change Planned In Promotion Of Local Dog Derby

### Full Time Manager May Be Needed for Event, Chairman Says

N. F. Dolley, chairman of the Dog Derby Committee, in calling a meeting of the committeemen for tonight is urging that everyone interested in the program to attend as some drastic changes in the original program are contemplated.

In the first place, Dolley said, members of the committee are finding it extremely difficult to devote the time required to promote the affair and he is seeking ideas and suggestions which might expedite the program. It is quite possible, Dolley said, that in order to give the project the attention it deserves, it might be necessary to employ a full-time manager to work under the direction of the committee to carry on the work.

Several local business people have indicated their desire to continue with the program by pledging considerable money for the work required but with volunteer committees the program is lagging and as time is short for arrangements, Dolley suggests that everyone interested turn out tonight and offer suggestions.

## TAVERN OPENING ON DECEMBER 23, MANAGER STATES

Fred Ichelson, president of the Tahoe Tavern Resort Company and manager of the Tavern at Tahoe City, has announced that the Tavern will open as scheduled on Friday, December 23, for the winter season. Court action brought by the Tavern company against A. J. and John Flagg over the sewer disposal plant at the Tavern has been sufficiently straightened out to permit the opening, Ichelson said.

With the exception of the Casino, the Tavern will operate all its departments, including the dining room, cocktail lounge, hotel and other facilities, Ichelson said.

Reports are that resorts remaining open on the north end of Lake Tahoe this season are well booked with reservations and at Squaw Valley, which opened for the season last month, facilities are running at capacity and prospects are that they will continue throughout the winter with the same crowds.

## Season's First Fish Roe at Tahoe City Hatchery

Allan Pollitt, superintendent of the state fish hatcheries at Lake Tahoe, reports that the first shipment of trout eggs for the season has been received. The shipment containing 440,00 eastern brook trout eggs from Colorado will be hatched at the Tahoe City hatchery.

## Board Rescinds Action, Give Ski Ranch License

SACRAMENTO —(W. N. S.)— The state board of equalization this week ordered issuance of a quarterly on sale distilled spirits license for Donner Ski Ranch Inc., on Highway 40 a quarter of a mile west of Donner Summit.

The application was originally denied on the grounds that public welfare and necessity did not warrant issuance of a license.

## Squaw Valley Girl Breaks Leg Skiing

Justine Cushing, 9 years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cushing of Squaw Valley, had the misfortune of breaking her leg below the knee while learning to ski at her father's resort Tuesday. The child was rushed to Reno for an operation by Dr. L. D. Nelson and her parents.

Justine's sister, Lilly, 5, suffered a broken arm on October 11 when she fell from playground equipment.

## Snowfall Behind Last Year, Local Record Reveals

### Mercury Hits Sub-Zero Marks After Storm Over Weekend

Although winter did not arrive officially until 11:24 p.m. yesterday, it was heralded several days early when the second major storm of the year swept in over the Sierra and left a blanket of snow varying in depth from 44 inches on Donner Summit to six inches at Reno. Truckee had two feet.

Snow started falling Saturday, and Sunday saw a typical winter storm as the snow, accompanied by moderate winds, swirled and drifted and for a time threatened to stop traffic and cripple communications and utilities. No serious damage was reported, however, and both highway and rail traffic continued uninterrupted.

The storm was followed Monday morning by sub-zero temperatures in this district, the thermometers dropping from zero to 12 below in some sections, although the forest service reported an official 7 degrees over zero as the coldest temperature registered.

E. E. Boehm, Truckee district forest ranger, said the total snow fall this year has measured 45 inches, while up to this date last year a total of 67.7 inches had been recorded.

On this date last year, there was a total of 23 inches of snow on the ground as compared to the 24 inches at present. The temperature is lower to date for 1949, with 7 degrees, than it was in 1948 when the coldest to December 21 was 19 degrees.

Precipitation, Boehm reported, is four inches less than for 1948, the present reading since September 1 being 5.50 inches, while on this date last year the record showed 9.11 inches.

The California Highway Patrol reported a series of minor mishaps resulting from the storm but none of a serious nature. Chains were required from Reno to Baxters.

Comparatively cold weather is being experienced throughout the state, with Los Angeles reporting frozen pipes and temperatures in the interior below freezing.

**At Tahoe**

TAHOE CITY— Tahoe City's snow so far this season, except for the storm in November, is like that of last year, dry. Beginning with a light fall of 1.7 inches of snow (.09 inch water) recorded December 16, the storm reached its peak with 12.3 inches of snow (.74 inch water) for the 18th. Maximum and minimum temperatures for the period:

| Date | Max | Min |
|---|---|---|
| Dec. 16 | 30 | 26 |
| Dec. 17 | 31 | 25 |
| Dec. 18 | 30 | 26 |
| Dec. 19 | 21 | 4 |
| Dec. 20 | | -1 |

The latter is the coldest recorded since last winter.

The level of Lake Tahoe is now 6223.62 feet.

## Supervisor on Crutches After Breaking Foot

Supervisor H. G. Loehr is on crutches as the result of an accident this week when a heavy truck tail gate, which he was assisting to install, fell and landed on his left foot. A small bone in the foot was broken and Dr. L. D. Nelson placed it in a cast. Despite the injury, Loehr is continuing with his work.

## Sarge's To Feature Christmas Party

B. W. Reynolds this week announced that there will be an open house and Christmas party at Sarge's Friday evening, December 23rd. A free buffet luncheon will be served and dancing may be enjoyed. Beside the juke box, music will be furnished by Don Byrd at the piano and the Sarge himself on the saxophone.

## Santa in Annual Visit To Truckee Lions Club

Impersonated by E. E. Boehm, Santa Claus visited the Truckee Lions Club last night and left a gift for each member. The annual Christmas party of the club was enlivened with Christmas songs led by Frank Gaiennie and the Christmas tree brightened the scene. Guests included James Walker of the Toggery and Bobby Tonini.

**Mothers Arriving—**

Mrs. Amanda Philippi and Mrs. Elmay Lawrence of Portland, Ore., will arrive this week to be the guests of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Philippi.

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## Tahoe Winter Patrol Wins Praise of Man Awakened at 2:30 A.M.

H. E. Blackwell, Sacramento Highway Patrol inspector and a Lake Tahoe home owner, sent a letter to the Placer County board of supervisors and Sheriff E. J. Kenison praising the work of the winter police at Lake Tahoe.

He said he was spending a night recently at his place near Tahoe City and was awakened at 2:30 a.m. by a member of the patrol who had noticed the car in the yard. The officer told Blackwell he knew the house had been closed and wished to find out who was inside. After Blackwell convinced him he was the owner, the officer left.

"I wish to express my appreciation for this kind of service," the letter said, "which I am sure is responsible for home breaking and looting being held to a minimum in the Placer County area of Lake Tahoe."

The winter police force at the northwest end of the lake comprises Constable Dick Lavery and H. E. Brooks of Kings Beach and Constable Harry Johanson and Charles Swanson of Tahoe City.

**After Operation**

Early rising after surgical operation tends to prevent the onset of weakness, to diminish wound pain, to accelerate convalescence, and to reduce the required nursing care.

## My Place In the Sun

by DOUG BARRETT

Tom Doherty, the Kings Beach contractor, scaling the steeple of the local Catholic Church, to paint the Cross.....Julia Crease, just back from Bakersfield, telling Hazel Lewis of the wondrous Christmas trimmings in that city .....Kenny Foster using great care in picking out an anniversary card at Loynd's for his spouse, Eileen.....their's was Friday..... Tony Pace and Herb Matthues bending behind their snow shovels putting the snow off the sidewalk into the gutter.....so Art Kehm could scoop it up and put it on a state truck.....to be hauled out of town.....with most of the other merchants taking similar exercise.....Vern Sadocchi's Hudson bright in a new brown paint job.....Alberta Nelson consulting Ardell Bottell on a knotty problem.....concerning the knitting of an Argyll sock.....The lighted ski jump, pavilion and tree on Hill Top against a backdrop of snow really reminds us Christmas is at hand.....Found another sourdough (ex-Alaskan) in Vince Mistretta at the Truckee Meat Market..... there's a slew of 'em around the woods.....Charlie Bandur, Claude Ray, Mrs. Coleman and family at the Riverside, your columnist, here in Truckee.....Ace Abbott and Ket Ketman at Kings Beach .....and I don't know who else..... Mike Korich and Bill Curran talking in front of Bud's.....about, of all things, baseball.....noted Mike's growing success at growing a mustache.....Ivan Todd trying to break into Johnston's Jewelry with Bob standing there watching him.....seems Bob took off for a rush trip to the post office and locked himself out..... Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rylander and children off to spend the Christmas holidays in Portland, Oregon, with relatives.....likewise Art and Ardath Leitch.....Mrs. Don Ryan reports the moot question to Tom Dolley this week has been, "What Fur?"

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Again, I want te express on behalf of the little woman and our little women sincere thanks for the many lovely Christmas cards we received this year. They are all mounted on the wall by our Christmas tree, around a beribboned fir bough. Each one is inspected and admired by all the girls before they go up and really add much to our Christmas season. Thank you all and to all OUR SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR A MOST JOYOUS CHRISTMAS!

**ROUNDHOUSE AT COLFAX IS CLOSED DOWN**

COLFAX— The SP roundhouse at Colfax was closed last week and some of the tracks are to be removed. Enough tracks to handle snow equipment will be left, however. The Colfax-Truckee local hereafter will operate from Roseville to Truckee.

## Judge Rules North Tahoe Utility Bonds Valid

AUBURN— Superior Judge Lowell Sparks of Placer County has filed an opinion upholding the validity of a $220,000 bond issue voted by the North Tahoe Public Utility District.

The court had been asked to pass upon the bonds in a friendly suit.

The custom of spacing words became general in the year 1000.

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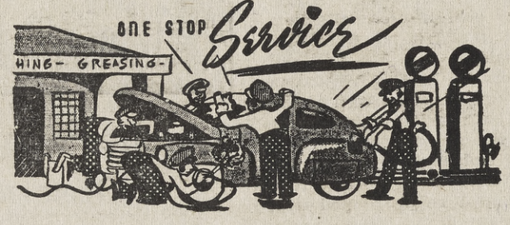


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LUCILE BICK, Secretary

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Basil Kehoe Jr. President

Ken Steddom Secretary

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E. K. Stice, President

Winifred Kamp, Secretary

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H. G. LOEHR, WM

V. L. Deaton, Sect'y

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Wm. Curran, Adj.

**TRUCKEE 20-30 CLUB NO. 344**

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O. G. Alexander, President

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**Donner Lodge No. 162, I.O.O.F**

Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, IOOF hall, Truckee

Vic Salvaterri, Noble Grand

Frank A. Titus, Secretary

**TRUCKEE LIONS CLUB**

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B. W. Reynolds, President

Earl Stice, Secretary

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Johnny Ciardella, Pres.

Art Couillard, Secty

**TRUCKEE AERIE NO. 1124 Fraternal Order of Eagles**

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## Starratt-Lee Nuptials Are Held Sunday In Sacramento Church

TAHOE CITY— Miss Elizabeth Ann Lee of Lincoln and John Leland Starratt of Tahoe City were married at one o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday, December 18 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Sacramento. Dr. Clarenhe A. Kirchner officiated at the quiet ceremony in the presence of immediate family members and a few close friends. White stock and tapers were used to decorate the altar of the small chapel.

The attractive blonde bride wore a blue suit with hat of matching blue and white and a corsage of baby orchids.

The reception was held in the church parlors where the just wedded couple received facing a flower decorated long table, centered by a beautifully decorated wedding cake.

The former Miss Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lee of Liincoln and is a graduate of the University of California. She was on the teaching staff of the Tahoe schools last year and this year taught at Richmond.

Starratt is the son of Mrs. A. M. Anderson of Tahoe City and the late Leland Starratt of Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada. He is a graduate of the University of Nevada where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Attending the ceremony in addition to the couple's parents were Messrs. and Mesdames Norman Mayfield of Tahoe City; H. Voss, Richard Lee Jr. of Sacramento and George Archibald of Sacramento; Mrs. Evelyn Bliss of Tahoe City, Misses Kay Starratt, Anabelle Peterson and Joyce Archibald of Sacramento, and Bud Jones of Folsom and Squaw Valley.

The couple left for Aspen, Coloraod, immediately after the ceremony for their honeymoon. Both ski enthusiasts, the newlyweds will enjoy several weeks of skiing before starting their return trip by way of Flagstaff, Ariz. The couple is expected to return to take up residence at Tahoe City in mid-January.

Kriss Kringle is from the German "Christkind", which means Christ Child and has come to be used as an alternate for Santa Claus or St. Nicholas.

## Nativity Theme at Lake School Program Fills Auditorium on Friday

TAHOE CITY— The Tahoe Lake School auditorium was filled Friday night when the parents and friends of the school children came to see the Christmas program, "The First Noel".

The program began with "The Nativity", directed by Mrs. Dorothy Johanson. Reader was Billy Van der Laan. The choir each member dressed in a white choir costume with red tie, was made up from all the grades and numbered more than 50. The cast included Danny Sheehan as Joseph; Virginia Speeter, Mary; John Smith, Lewis Fellows, Mayton Record, Jerry Quam, Rex Donaldson and Robert Heuga, shepherds; Gary Anderson, Jay Stuart and Jimmy Goodhue, wise men; Linda Frodenberg, Duane Pomin, Christine Bechdolt, Carol Wilson, Sandra Humburg, Betty Danley and Arvell Hanson, angels.

The colorful, realistic costumes, prepared by PTA members, included bright, striped and plain brown robes for the shepherds, rich satin materials with metallic borders for the three kings, fine white net costumes complete with wings and golden halos for the angels.

After "The Nativity", Gerald Waters led community singing with Mrs. Richard Boyce accompanying on the piano. An accordian solo by Jerry Quam and a tap dance by Sandra Humburg followed. Ernest Douglas then presented the school's Tonette Band on "Jingle Bells" followed by the Tahoe Lake orchestra's rendition of "Finlandia".

Waters then directed more community singing which was interrupted by the appearance of Santa Claus himself who distributed candy to all the children.

## Santa Due in Tahoe City At Dec. 23rd Party

TAHOE CITY— All elementary school children and pre-school children with the Tahoe Lake School area will get a preliminary visit from Santa Claus this Friday, December 23, at the Big Tree in Tahoe City. Arriving by dog team, Santa will have an early present or two for each child in the district.

After present distribution, refreshments will be served to young and old, as in the past, at the Truckee-Tahoe Lumber yard.

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## Forest Products Have Special Symbolism At Christmas Season

Christmas trees, holly and mistletoe, the forest products which decorate homes at this season, have a long and interesting religious history, Don M. Brummond, University of Nevada extension forester, said this week.

One story of the origin of the Christmas trees, Drummond stated, concerns the Christian priest, St. Boniface, who lived in Germany and worked among the pagans who worshipped the thunder god, Thor. One night they were holding their Yule-tide celebration in the forest, preparing to offer a sacrifice to Thor. St. Boniface pleaded with them to worship a living God and persuaded them to cut down the oak, the tree of Thor.

As the oak fell to the earth, behind it appeared a green fir tree. St. Boniface explained that the fir, always green, was the emblem of eternal life, that it pointed toward heaven and signified peace and goodness to mankind. He said that it was the tree of the Christ Child and around it there should be only deeds of kindness and goodwill. He told them they should take such a tree into their homes, decorate it with lights and make it glisten as it did in the forest. It was, he said, for the children to gather around and exchange gifts in love of the Christ Child.

Mistletoe also has been hallowed by history. Originally a tree, legend relates that its wood was used for the Cross of Christ. Since that time it shrank to its present small proportions. Monks of many years ago called it the "wood of the Cross".

The holly in parts of northern Europe is called the Christ-thorn. The leaves and thorns suggest Christ's crown and the red berries His blood. It is widely believed that the name "holly" was derived from the word "holy".

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That we are co-partners transacting business under the firm name and style of SILVER SANDS RESORT; that the principal place of business of said partnership is located at Tahoe Vista, California; that the following are the names of all members of such partnership and their places of residence.

ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT, 111 N. Princevalle St., Gilroy, Calif.

HARRY EVERETT MASON, Tahoe Vista, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 31st day of October, 1949.

ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT
HARRY EVERETT MASON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Placer ss

On this 31st day of October, 1949, before me, Clarke Allen, a Notary Public in and for the County of Placer, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared ALFRED R. BETTANCOURT and HARRY EVERETT MASON, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Placer, State of California, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL) CLARKE ALLEN
Notary Public in and for the County of Placer, State of California. My commission expires August 29, 1952.

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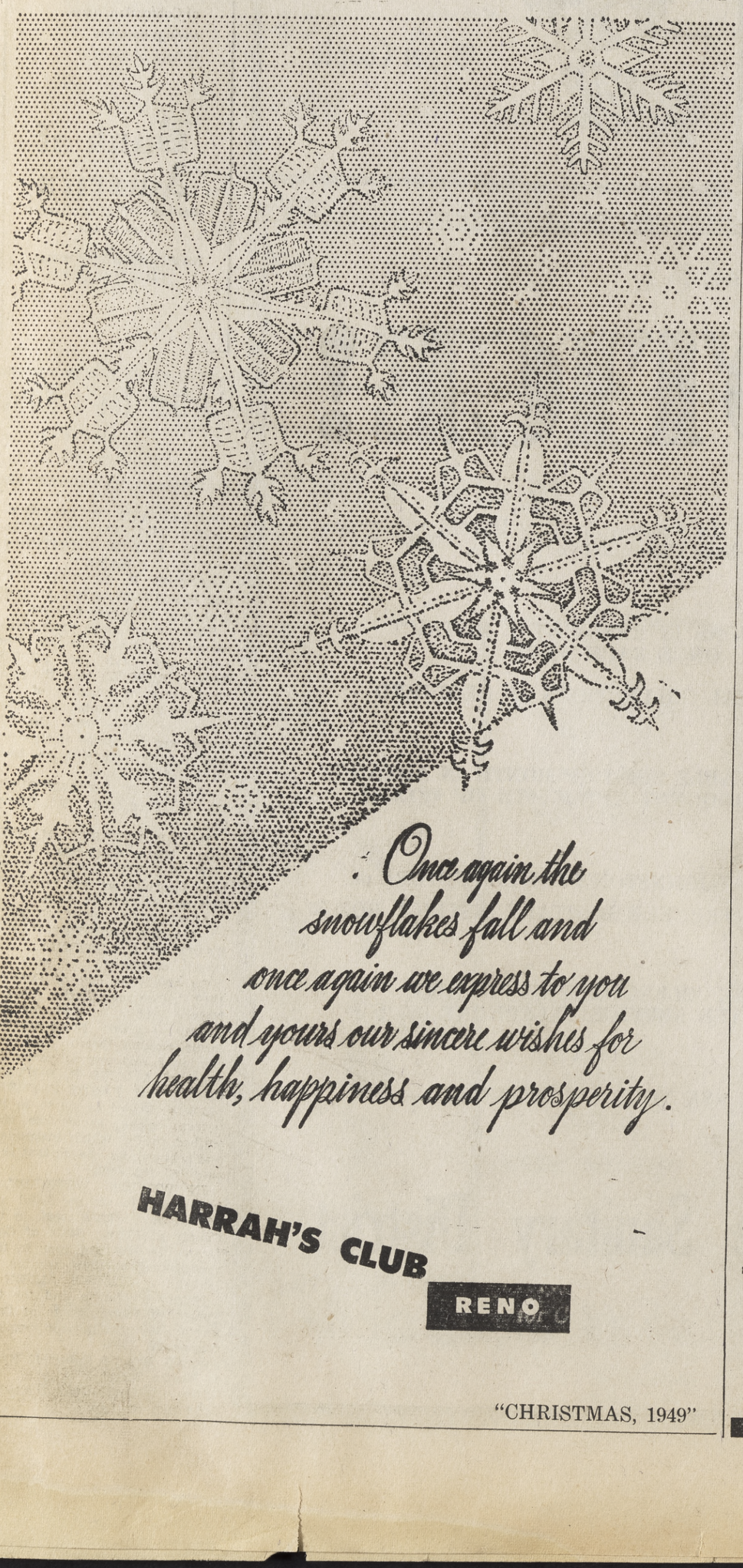

*Once again the snowflakes fall and once again we express to you and yours our sincere wishes for health, happiness and prosperity.*

HARRAH'S CLUB
RENO


"CHRISTMAS, 1949"

## Christmas Midnight Mass in Truckee In 1884 is Recalled

(Reprinted from the Truckee Republican, 1884)

The membership of the Catholic Church for some time past have been making preparations for the celebration of this rite of the mother of churches. A committee on preparation and decoration, consisting of Mrs. Warren Richardson and the Misses Sullivan, Cassidy and Day, deserve great credit for the care and skill evinced by them in the decorations and other preparations for this event.

The body of the old church was beautifully decorated with festoons of palms and evergreens, and over the altar were the words in living green, "Gloria in Excelsis Deo." The mass was celebrated at midnight, December 24th, and services were conducted by the Rev. Father M. Walsh of Reno, the clergyman in charge of the church work at Reno and this place. The musical part of the services was under the direction and management of Mr. Gus Owens, who took the tenor part and acted as organist, Miss Charlotte O'Farrell of Prosser Creek, sporano, Miss Lizzie Cornell, alto, John Doughty, basso. The following are the selections of church music: "The Concones Mass," "Adeste Fidelis,', and "Ave Maria", a solo by Gus Owens, the latter, we are informed, being Mr. Owens' own composition.

The church was crowded to its fullest capacity, and although many of the audience were not communicants of the church, everybody went away impressed with the solemnity of the occasion. The Reverend Father preached a very eloquent, impressive and forcible sermon on "The Nativity of Christ" and His advent and mission in the world. Father Walsh is an eloquent and able speaker, and stands high in the estimation of his flock in Truckee.

The organ used on the occasion was kindly loaned by the M.E. Church, as the new organ purchased failed to arrive in time.

A liberal collection was taken up after the service, and a purse presented to Father Walsh. Mass was also held on the 25th, and the infant children of Mr. Von Flue received the rite of baptism. The ladies composing the committee deserve great credit for the manner in which they performed their duties and Mr. Gus Owens and the choir for the musical part of the ceremonies.

## 1950 to be Big Year for State Politics Sect'y of State Says

SACRAMENTO— Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan Monday announced the list of offices to be voted upon at the June 6, 1950 primary election and the amount of filing fees required to qualify.

First date for candidates to file with the county clerks is March 8. Closing date is April 1.

Jordan said 135 offices are at stake with filing fees running on a percentage of the annual salary of the particular office.

For statewide offices, including that of United States Senator, the filing fee is two per cent.

For district offices the fee is one per cent, while that of the state senate and assembly is fixed at a flat rate of $20.

In the case of cross-filing a fee must be paid for each ticket.

The 135 state offices to be filled and the filing fees include: governor, $500; lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller and treasurer, $240; attorney general, $320; board of equalization (four offices) $120; congress (23 offices) $125; U.S. Senate, $250; state senate (20 offices) and assembly (80 offices) $20 each; superintendent of public insstruction $300.

Most county and township offices will be up for election next year as well.

**Knapps in Reseda—**

The Ward Knapps of Lake Forest expect to spend some of the winter at Reseda, Calif.

## Holiday Travelers Are Warned of Hazards By State Patrol Head

Traffic on California highways this Christmas will probably be the heaviest in history, Clifford E. Peterson, highway patrol commissioner, says as plans are made to cope with the increase in traffic.

"Last December we averaged more than 200 traffic accidents and injured and killed 290 persons each of the 31 days," the commissioner added. "This year's toll will depend on how each individual driver and pedestrian reacts to the additional hazards connected with the heavier traffic."

Peterson listed the following hints for safe driving and walking:

Keep your car under control at all times, regardless of traffic or weather conditions.

Obey al the traffic laws, signs and signals.

Be extremely cautious during fog and in rainy weather.

Make courtesy an important part of your traffic habits.

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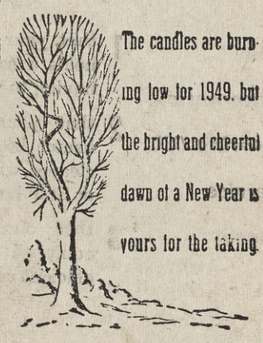

The candles are burning low for 1949, but the bright and cheerful dawn of a New Year is yours for the taking.

R. JOSEPH
and FAMILY
Truckee

May the joys of the season be completely and all yours.

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MR. AND MRS. AL NICHOLS
of
THE WISHING WELL
at Verdi, Nevada
extend their

Christmas Greetings

*and*

**Happy New Year**

to their many friends in Truckee and vicinity.

**May the town of Truckee have a prosperous 1950!**

May you prosper in the wealth with which Christmas abounds . . .

Peace, love of life, kindliness and the brotherhood of all people.

**TRUCKEE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**
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As a partial measure of our friendship we express the sincere hope that this year holds for you a perfect Christmas.

**HELLER'S VARIETY STORE**
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*May the tidings of great joy be yours in full this Christmas.*

**TOURIST CLUB**
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The warmth of spirit that accompanies every Christmas season is with us again in 1949 Our wish is that you can participate to the fullest in a universal MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Truckee

Simple, unadorned thoughts are best at Christmas So we would only wish you a joyful and happy holiday season, when every step you take increases your desire to be a friend to man. And a Merry Christmas to you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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A truly Merry Christmas to our good friends and neighbors.

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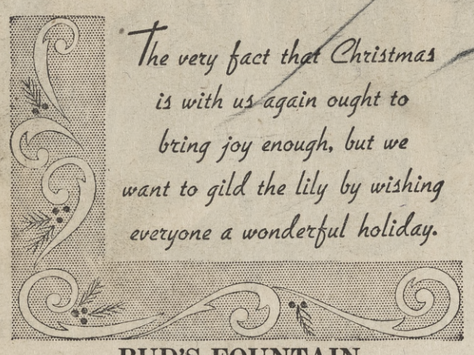

*The very fact that Christmas is with us again ought to bring joy enough, but we want to gild the lily by wishing everyone a wonderful holiday.*

**BUD'S FOUNTAIN**
Truckee

In the Christmas mood, we wish you all happiness

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CABONA'S
Truckee

HAPPY HOLIDAY to all of you. May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.

**BEST WISHES 1949**

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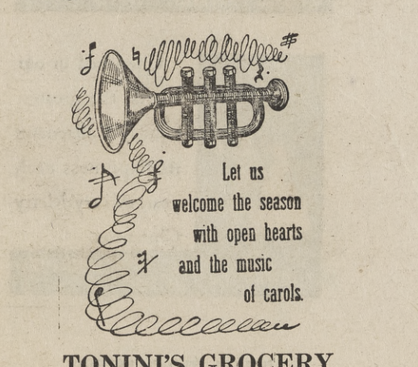

Let us welcome the season with open hearts and the music of carols.

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Greetings 1949

OUR SINCEREST WISHES FOR A BRIGHT AND MERRY CHRISTMAS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU.

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*May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.*

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A happy holiday to all.

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*Let's do it up right this year and join our efforts to give each other the finest holiday season ever.*

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OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY

to all of you. May no cloud appear to disturb its serenity.

**BEST WISHES 1949**

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*Wishing you every Happiness for Christmas.*

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*The night before Christmas...*

*Few experiences surpass in beauty that hush of wonderful expectancy that falls over the home on Christmas eve. This season of 1949 holds that in store for you.*

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Cherished in our hearts, the greatest holiday of all renews its happiness each year. A very Merry Christmas.

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*Wishing our friends all the joys of a Merry Christmas.*

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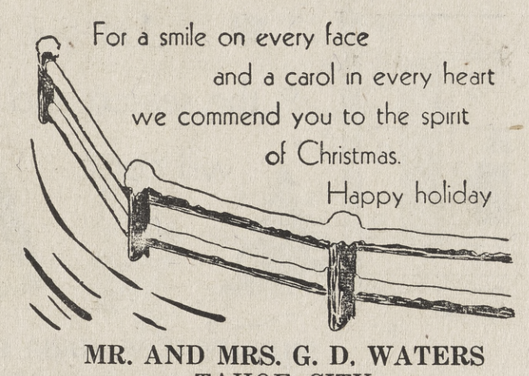
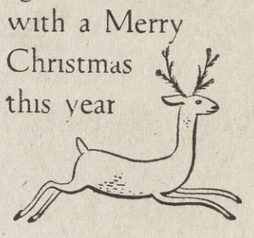
For a smile on every face and a carol in every heart we commend you to the spirit of Christmas.
Happy holiday



MR. AND MRS. G. D. WATERS
TAHOE CITY

Youth and old age will be served with a Merry Christmas this year



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*That the glorious Christmas Season may bring you peace and happiness all through the coming year is our sincere wish to our friends and customers.*

PRATT'S GARAGE
Harry Pratt Soda Springs

Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.
*1949*

THORNTON'S GARAGE
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THORNTON'S
Donner Lake Service

May the stars in the heavens shine as never before on your Christmas happiness this year.

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*May the tidings of great joy be yours in full this Christmas.*

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Truckee - Tahoe City

THE CAPITOL CAFE
Johnny & Julia Ciardella Truckee

God willing, there will be no pain of sadness to mar the tender happiness that Christmas ought to bring to all of you

**SUPERIOR JUDGE JAMES SNELL**
of Nevada County

Let us give thanks together for the priceless gift of Christmas.

1949

**ELMA HECKER**
Treasurer & Tax Collector of Nevada County

Gay spirits are more commonplace during the Yule season than at any other time of the year. We hope you're fitting in.

**JOHN NETTELL, RECORDER**
of Nevada County

May it be touched with the same kind of serenity that accompanies a Christmas Eve snowfall.

**PHIL G. SCADDEN, ASSESSOR**
of Nevada County

**MAY ALL**
**THE SEASON'S BEST**
**BE YOURS**
**THIS CHRISTMASTIME.**

**ALVAH HOOPER, CORONER**
of Nevada County

# Yuletide Greetings

Just give way to the spirit of the season and your share of joy will come.

1949

**SHERIFF R. W. (Dick) HOSKINS**
of Nevada County

The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas

**R. E. DEEBLE, CLERK & AUDITOR**
of Nevada County

## Joyful Yuletide--

On Christmas, 1949, we re-live the joy that comes to us across the centuries May this season bring you nothing but happiness

**DONNER LAKE LODGE**
at the West End of Donner Lake

## Merry Christmas

*May the blessings of Christmas descend upon your homes in abundance.*

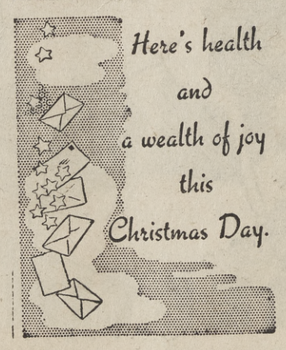
**N. F. (Tom) DOLLEY**
Truckee, Calif.

OUR WARM AND SINCEREST GREETINGS GO OUT TO YOU AT THIS HAPPIEST SEASON OF THE YEAR.

**SUPERVISOR HENRY G. LOEHR**
5th District, Nevada County

The divinity of the season is surpassed only in the joy it brings to the hearts of men. Merry Christmas.

**TAHOE BOAT COMPANY**
Tahoe City, Calif.

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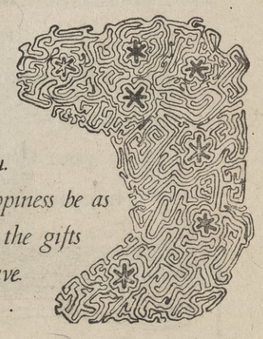

*Top of the season to you. May your happiness be as plentiful as the gifts you give.*

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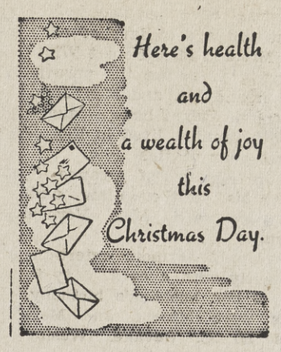


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From all of us here to all of you—a most happy holiday.

TRUCKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

TRUCKEE POST 439
AMERICAN LEGION

MAY ALL
THE SEASON'S BEST
BE YOURS
THIS CHRISTMASTIME.

CALIFORNIA CAFE & COCKTAIL LOUNGE
Tony & Essie Polyanich Truckee

Through the door that leads to joy may this greeting wind its way and in its course bestow on you much Happiness this Christmas Day.

TRUCKEE LIONS CLUB
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*At this Christmas Season may you be blessed with every happiness.*

MARY'S BEAUTY
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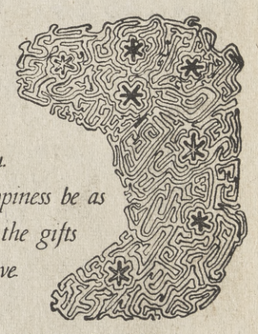
*Top of the season to you. May your happiness be as plentiful as the gifts you give.*



COZZI'S CAFE
Mary & Charlie Cozzi Truckee

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## FLORISTON

by C. A. FELESINA

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FLORISTON— Word has been received that two former Floriston couples have had new babies born within a few days of each other. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whittenberg of Reno are the parents of a son and Mr. and Mrs. John Northrup of Babbit have a daughter. Both families lived in Floriston last year at this time.

Martin Kilgore of Orange is visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon O'Brien.

Mrs. Frank Seymour entertained recently with a card party in honor of her husband's birthday. Guests were Messrs. and Mesdames H. C. Savage, Wesley Craig and Lester Felesina.

New Floriston residents are Mr. and Mrs. David Germaine and family, formerly of Reno.

## Ski Club Cancels Meet to Avoid Conflict With Yule Program

TAHOE CITY— At their meeting Friday, the Lake Tahoe Ski Club agreed to cancel the meeting set for December 23, which is the day of the Community Big Tree Christmas program. Improvement of the Tahoe City ski hill and relative advantages of the various types of lift motors under consideration for the hill were discussed.

The club voted to purchase a good 16 millimeter movie projector to enable the club to keep up with the many excellent ski movies now available.

After the meeting, Oliver Corona, in the absence of Dance Chairman Beulah Carnell, disclosed the net proceeds from the Polio Benefit Dance held by the club at Tahoe Inn were more than $90. This will be turned in to the National Infantile Paralysis drive.

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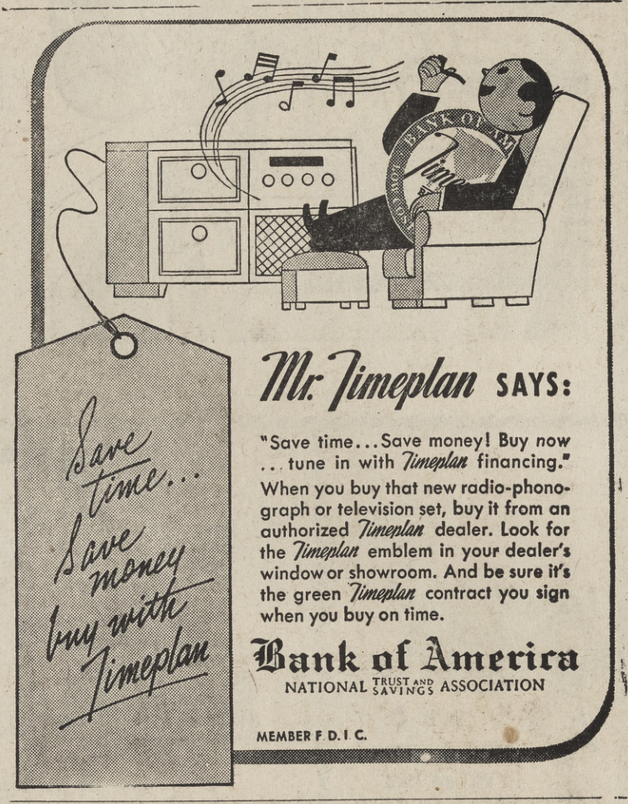
## Weather Again Jinxes Turkey Shoot Plan Of Tahoe City Legion

TAHOE CITY— Tahoe Post 718, American Legion, bowed again to Old Man Winter and decided that this just wasn't the year for them to hold a turkey shoot. Snowed and bluffed out in November by storm threats, the post had scheduled a shoot for Sunday, "regardless of weather conditions."

True to their word, they prepared the shoot Saturday evening and even checked several times on Sunday to see if a hardy rifleman had found his way through the storm to the golf course. Reviewing their pre-Sunday statements "regardless of weather conditions", the members said they didn't mean "conditions" which would prevent riflemen seeing the targets. Snow flurries continued intermittently all day.

Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana comprises 997,487 acres of federally owned land.



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## C. O. Valentines Return From Mexican Visit

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Valentine of Costa Mesa and formerly of Tahoe City have sent seasonal greetings to their friends by way of the Sierra Sun. They were thrilled to view Mexico City, Acapulco and Vera Cruz from above during a recent three-weeks airplane trip to Mexican points of interest.

The custom of burning the Yule log and the word Yule itself have their origins from the early pagan Teutonic and Celtic races, having their basis in the winter festival of Houl of Hioul.

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# North Tahoe

by T. BURROUGHS

**Kids! Grownups! Everyone! Merry Christmas!** Do you realize that on Saturday, December 24 at 1 p.m. at the Youth Center in Kings Beach Santa with his dog team will be on hand for the party? There will be refreshments and entertainment for all! Everything free! It's Christmas! Parents, bring your children. Let them talk to the jolly old man with the white whiskers. You older children will have fun roasting hot dogs on a stick. Come and have fun.

The above invitation to share a Merry Christmas is extended by the North Tahoe Christmas Committee.

**North Tahoites** have another interest, that of an English class under the supervision of Mrs. Bonnie Barnett. There are fifteen signers already with only ten more necessary. Classes should begin around the middle of January. Those of you who are interested please contact Mrs. Barnett, phone Brockway 42. No night has been decided upon as yet, the problem being to find a free one.

**Lake Tahoe Chamber** of Commerce does not hibernate during the winter months. This active organization keeps its very cooperative little secretary, Micky Mandeville, on the job daily and can be given a lot of credit for many full houses around the lake among the resorts remaining open for snow sports. Through Micky hundreds of Bay Area people wishing to take advantage in our Winter Wonderland have been directed to suitable accomodations. Their wishes are expressed and Micky makes an honest effort to locate the desired type of accommodation.

**Edna and Warden Fields** will spend the winter in Oklahoma, returning to the lake in March.

**A letter** from the Bob Murrays of Tahoe Vista, who are wintering in Fresno and Merced, reveals that Bob is making slow but sure progress on his road to physical recovery. Your friends wish you both a Merry Christmas.

**Ladies Night** of the Brockway Rotary Club, held at the Buckhorn last Friday night, was a terrific success. Meeting was called to order by President Tom Lucas who turned it over to the program committee, Sam Faulkner, Gil Ballard and Don Barkhurst, who deliberately planned for the unsuspecting ladies to provide the entertainment. This they did more than adequately under supervision of the North Tahoe Women's Club president, Alice Sorensen, who performed like a veteran, calling upon members and visitors alike for contributions to the fun. Roger Bolton gave a fine permormance of Kris Kringle to the delight of all. Bill Bates and Dr. Holmes were each presented with a brand new set of chattering teeth which Dr. H. was pleased to announce can be lined to fit any mouth, by him. The party continued well into the wee hours with everyone reluctant to leave.

There will not be another meeting of the Brockway Rotary this year. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 1950.

**A March of Dimes Dance,** sponsored by the North Tahoe Women's Club, will be held Saturday night, January 28, at the Capenters' Hall. Refreshments will be served along with the usual good time for all who will attend. Next meeting of the club will be held on the evening of January 26 at the school house.

**We are sorry** that Dorothy O'Brien's mother is ill and hope she is much improved now.

**Blanche (Peterson) Farei's** friends will be happy to know she is recovering satisfactorily from a severe illness which necessitated the premature birth of her child on December 14. The child, a boy, weight eight pounds, will be called Sammy Joe after his father and an uncle. Thanks to a good doctor and the availability of effectivc drugs, both mother and child are doing very well in the Tahoe Carson City Hospital.

**Mae and George** Meisenheimer will have the girls, Helen and Ruby, with their families at home for Christmas.

**Friends of Bertha Ballard** will be happy to know that she is up and about after several days of being under the weather. Son, Carroll, has been down with a cold too. Glad you're both much improved.

**Charles F. White & Son** were granted permission by the county supervisors to remove trees and stumps on the county right of way at their own expense and risk and assume liability for any damage to property at Steel Head between Bear and Coon Streets in Kings Beach, to straighten the road and allow for the snow plow to get in. The action was taken at the December meeting of the board at Auburn.

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## Magi of Holy Manger Were Holy Men of Ancient Persian Sect

During the Christmas season, much is written, sung and said about the Magi.

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed 400 years before the birth of Christ.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of young princes and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ Child remain nameless but, according to tradition, they were the first to recognize the importance of the Birth of the Prince of Peace.

It is beleived they appeared to the Christ Child on January 6, on what is known as the Twelfth Night or the Epiphany.

It is not known how many Wise Men visited the Manger but common Christian tradtion names three, no doubt because of the three gifts. St. Augustine and St. Chrysostom, however, set the number as high as 12. The three gifts, in one legend, are seen as symoblic of what the Babe was to become—gold for a king, frankinsence for a high priest and myrrh for the great physician.


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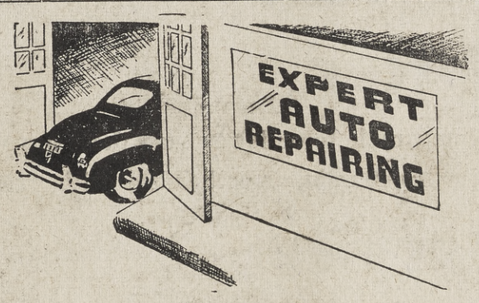


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**Niece to Star—**

Jocelyn Vollmar, niece of W. F. Wilkie of Truckee, will star in the San Francisco Ballet's Christmas production of Tchaikovsy's "Nutcracker", to be given on Monday afternoon, December 26, at the Opera House.

**Triple Occasion—**

James Garibaldi of Burbank wrote that he went to San Francisco for Thanksgiving Day, the Golden Wedding of his parents and the 8th birthdate of his nephew, all events occuring on Novembr 24.

**Here for Holidays—**

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ainey and children Buell and Persis arrived Wednesday night from Portland, Oregon, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Buell.

**Birthdate this Week—**

Mrs. William Englehart Sr. celebrated her birthdate on December 18.

**Improving—**

Mrs. Oscar Swenson is improving in health since her return from southern California, where she underwent surgery.


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## Birthday on Christmas, Has Party on Dec. 16th

Donna Gracik, who will be five years old on Christmas Day, was honored at a party given by her mother, Mrs. John Gracik, on Friday, December 16.

The holiday motif was used in the games and gifts given the small guests. The ice cream was white with a green tree in the center for each serving and a white birthday cake was decorated to carry out the party idea.

The afternoon was enjoyed by Mrs. Sam Costa and children, Gary and Joanne; Mrs. Ray Scott and daughters, Patricia and Theo; Mrs. Frank Giovannoni and daughters, Judy and Linda; Mrs. David Rose and daughters, Pamela and Dorette; Mrs. Loren Vertner and daughters, Mary and Barbara; Mrs. Robert Leamon and children, Marcia and Barry; Carol Gracik, Darry Reisinger and Ricky Rockholm.

John Gracik, Donna's father, observed his birthday on December 17 and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Gracik of Detroit, Mich., will both celebrate their birthdates on December 25, the same day as their granddaughter.

## Carol Quilici Honoree At Party on Birthday

Mrs. Nat Quilici invited friends of their daughter, Carol Ann, to share her birthday anniversary on Thursday afternoon, December 15. The cutting of a white cake, decorated in pink and yellow and completed with eight lighted candles, followed playing games and opening of gifts for the guest of honor.

The children invited were Tura Ann Kaylor, Theo Scott, Arlene Copeland, Nona Rae Coffey, Dorthea and Varien Frey, Alberta and Floyd Cooper, Frances Anne and Judy McGwinn.

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## Use of Local Routes Show Big Increases

The state highway department's annual state-wide traffic count, taken on Sunday and Monday, July 17 and 18, shows an increase of 7.4 percent over the similar count taken in 1948, according to an analysis released by G. T. McCoy, state highway engineer, this week.

Highways checked in this area included the route from Truckee to Auburn (gain 15.59 per cent Sunday, 2.39 Monday); Mays to Nevada Line via Truckee River (gain 20.98 percent Sunday, 19.08 Monday), and Tahoe City to Nevada State Line (lost 11.20 per cent Sunday, gain 10.22 Monday).

Plans for the New Year's Eve party and installation of officers of the 20-30 Club to be held at Cozzi's Cafe were discussed at the club's meeting Wednesday evening.

**CHAMBER MEETING**

A meeting of the Truckee Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at the chamber office from 7:30 until 8 o'clock.

**New Ford—**

John W. Kochever bought a custom deluxe two-door Ford sedan from Wittich Motors of Colfax.

**In Hospital—**

Manuel Furtado, well known Truckee resident, was taken to a Nevada City hospital Tuesday by Truckee ambulance for treatment. He has been in ill health for some time and recently contracted the flu.

**Moreland Sick—**

Wesley Moreland, clerk at the state quarantine station, was taken to the Veterans' Hospital at Reno Tuesday for treatment of an old war injury which recently recurred. His condition was described as serious. He was taken to Reno in the Truckee ambulance.

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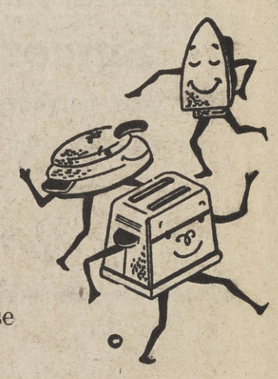

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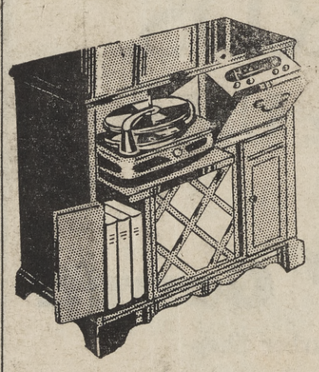

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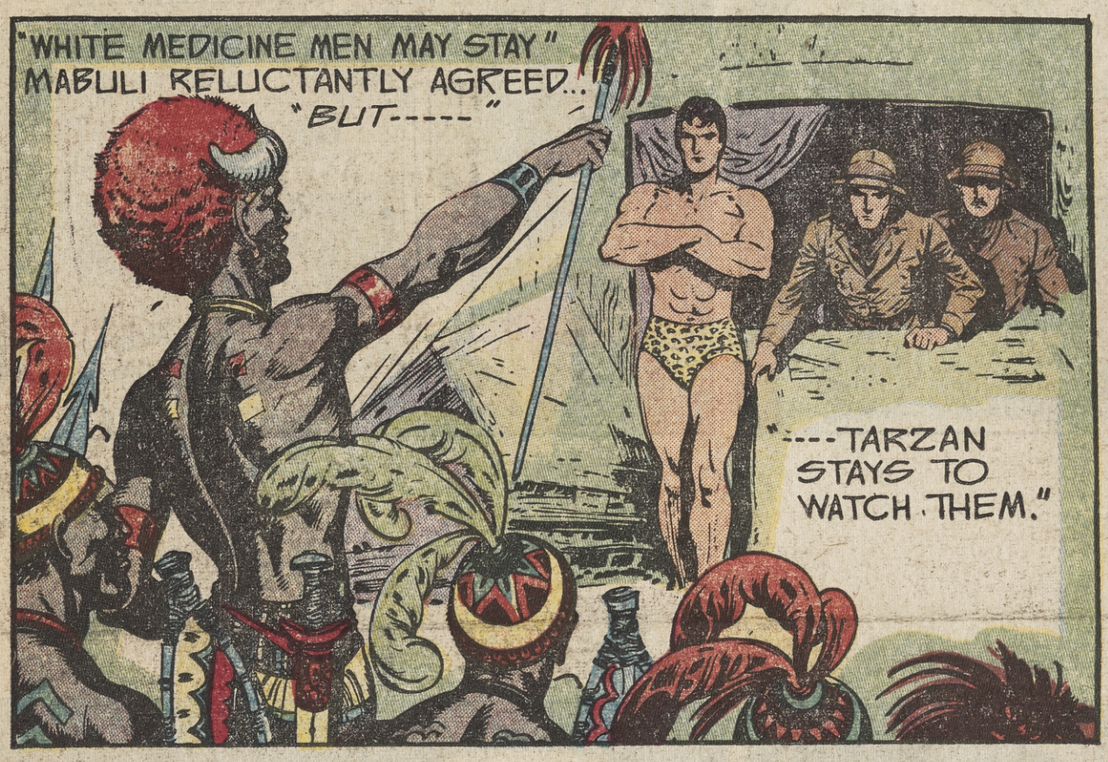

"TARZAN NEED NOT STAY, CHIEF. YOU CAN TRUST US," CLEVELAND SAID SMOOTHLY. "MABULI NO TRUST WHITE MEN----- IF TARZAN GO- YOU GO!" MABULI GROWLED.

CLEVELAND DID NOT RELISH TARZAN'S WATCHING HIS ACTIVITIES. BUT HE ACCEPTED THE CONDITION. THEY WERE ESCORTED TO AN ANCHORAGE IN THE LAKE.

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LATER, AS THE WHITE MEN DISCUSSED THEIR PLANS, A SINISTER, BLACK SHADOW CROUCHED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THEIR HUT.

# THE CAPTAIN AND THE KIDS

BY R. DIRKS

OH, THANK YOU, SIR, I'LL MAKE GOOD OR MY NAME AIN'T FUNNYBONE

O.K., KID, I NEED SOME LAUGHS AND YOU NEED A JOB, SO GET BUSY

WHEE!! 'RAY FOR YOU, FUNNYBONE

VE HOID DER KINK OFFERED YOU A CHOB! BOY, ISS YOU LUCKY!

YEAH, I KNOW, BUT THE OLD GROUCH SAYS I GOTTA HAVE SOME NEW JOKES

CHUST VOT DER DOCTOR ORDERED! SHOW HIM, INSPECTOR!

LOOK, HOW ABOUDT DISS?

PHOOEY! BUT I'LL TRY ANYTHING, GENTS. HAND 'EM OVER

BUT YOUR MACHESTY, -LOOK, OUDT FUM A HAT!

-AND PRESTO, A REAL LIVE BUNNY

YOU HEARD ME, FUNNYBONE. ANY MORE GAGS LIKE THAT AND ZIPP GOES YOUR HEAD

WHOA! NOW LOOK VOT YOU DONE!

THAT OLD SOUR-PUSS NEEDS SOMEONE TO CHEER HIM UP! IF ONLY I COULD GET A LAUGH OUTA HIM!

LET ME TINK- DERE MUST BE SOME VAY!

OH, BOY!

PS-S-S-T- GIFF A LOOK, ASLEEP AT DER SVITCH

BAW-Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z-Z

QUIET OLD TOP AND KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE PROFESSOR!! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE A MILLION OF? LAUGHS, OF COURSE, SO WATCH ME

TUT-TUT, YOUR MACHESTY

SCOUNDRELS! TIE ME LOOSE OR YOU BOIL IN OIL!

KITCHY KITCHY KOO

HAW-HAW!! LAFF UND DER VORLD LAFFS MIT HAW-HAW!

HAW HAW HA-HA-HA-HA- HELP!

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YOU KNOW, FUNNYBONE, SUM--TIMES I TINK YOU GO TOO FAR

OH, DEAR!

ANYHOW, A MERRY CHRISTMAS, CAPTAIN

OIL

# ABBIE an' SLATS by RAEBURN VAN BUREN

CRASH! TINKLE!

(YAWN!) AIN'T YOU MAKIN' A MISTAKE, BUB—CRASHIN' IN A MUDHOLE LIKE THIS AIN'T GOIN' T' GAIN YOU NOTHIN' BUT A BLOODY NOSE AND A CHOICE **STREAM O' INSULTS!**

OH, IT'S **YOU** AGAIN, HUH---

YES, IT'S ME, BATHLESS!

I SUPPOSE YER PALMIN'OFF THE SAME OL' **MALARKEY** ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO BE **KIND** TO YER FELLOW MEN?

THE SAME, BATHLESS!

AND STILL PEDDLIN' THE BLARSTED NOTION THAT BEIN' BIG, STRONG AN' RICH AIN'T SO IMPORTANT AS BEIN' **UNDERSTANDIN'**, **HUMBLE** AN' **GENEROUS!**

**STILL** PEDDLIN' IT, BATHLESS!

AN' I GOT A BUCK THAT SAYS YER GONNA WIND UP CONVINCIN' ME THAT HUMAN BEIN'S IS THE SAME NO MATTER WHAT KIND O' **HAIR, CLOTHES** OR **TOOTHPASTE** THEY USES!

THE BUCK IS YOURS, MY FRIEND!

AN' YOU STILL AIN'T TIRED O' CONVINCIN' YER FELLOW CITIZENS THAT HOW YE PRAYS AIN'T NEARLY SO IMPORTANT AS THE FACT THAT YOU **DOES** PRAY!

YOU HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD AGAIN, BATHLESS!

AIN'T DOIN' THIS FER AS MANY YEARS AS YOU HAS MADE YOU TIRED O' **REPEATIN'** YERSELF?

NOPE, BATHLESS, NOT WHEN SOME OF IT RUBS OFF ON SOME FOLKS EACH TIME I MAKE MY ROUNDS!

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AND YOU KNOWS **ME** SENTIMENTS REGARDIN' WHAT YER TRYIN' TO DO???

I'M **SURE** I DO, BATHLESS!

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL— R. VAN BUREN

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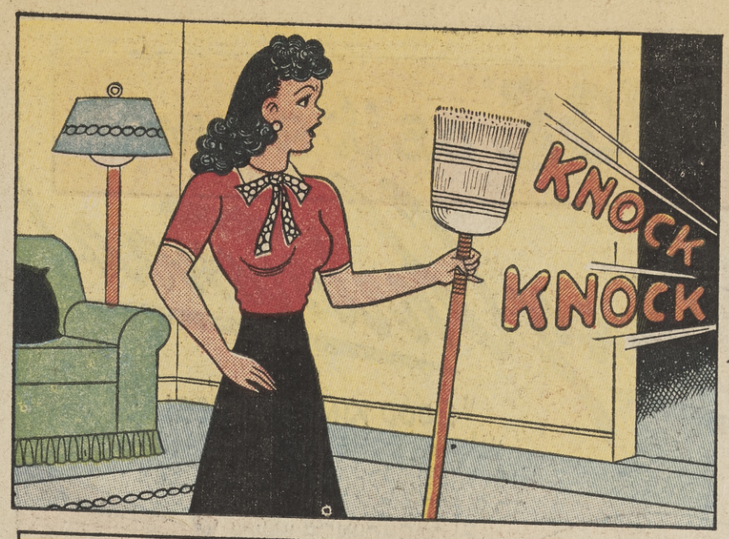


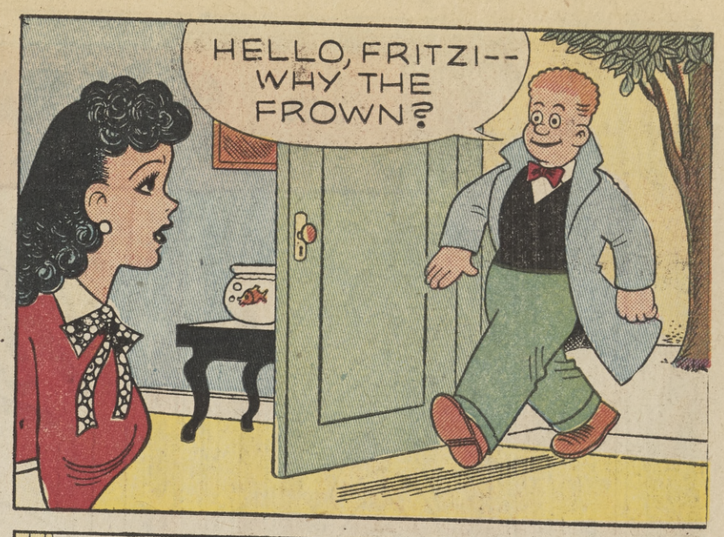

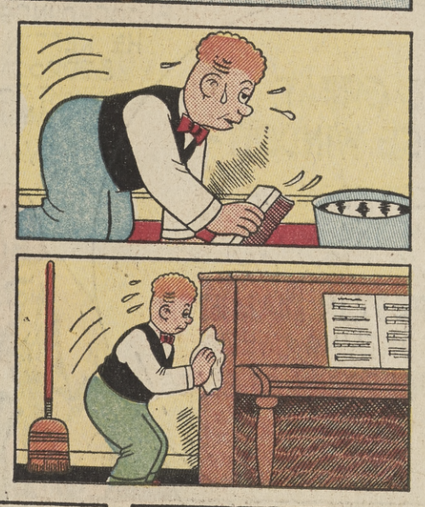

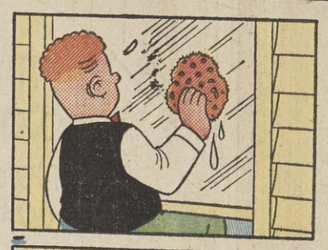

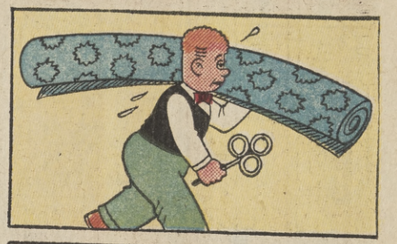

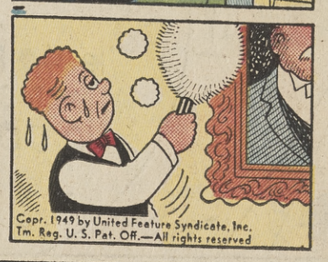


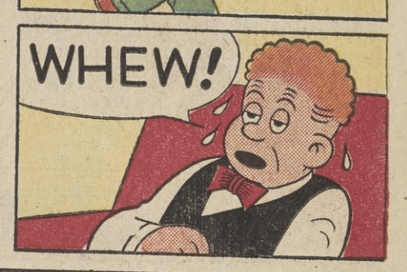


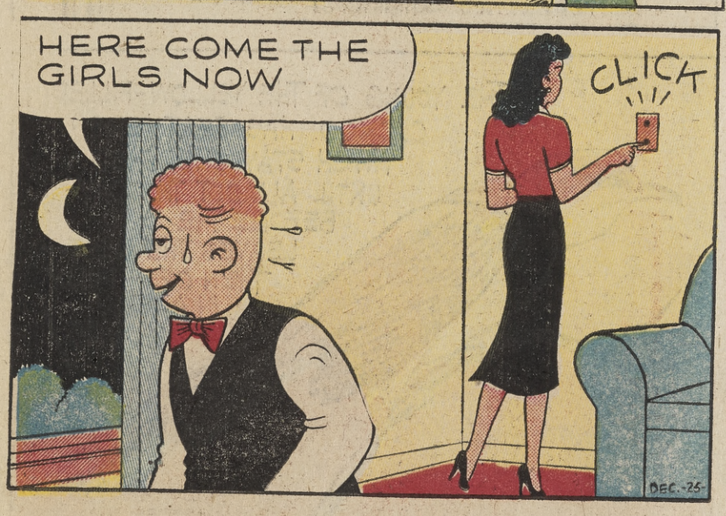

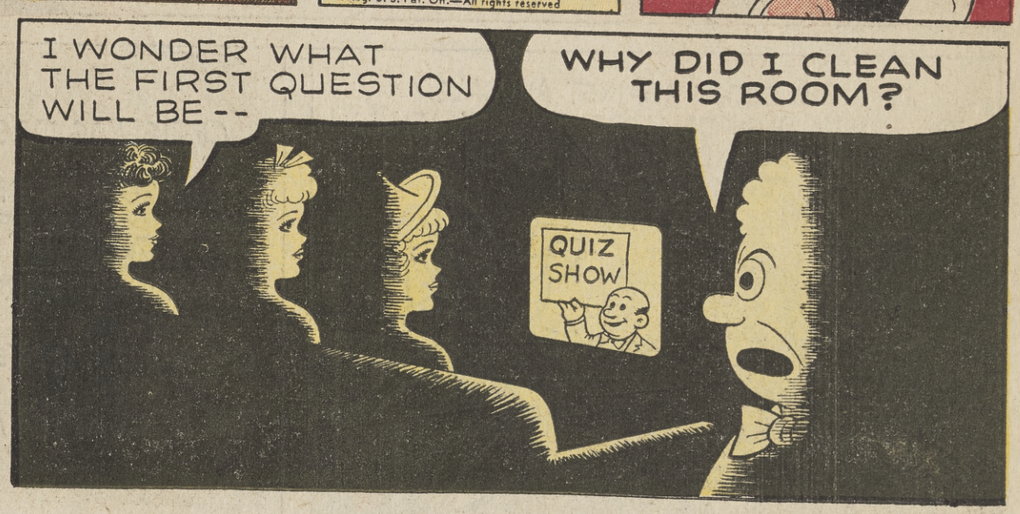


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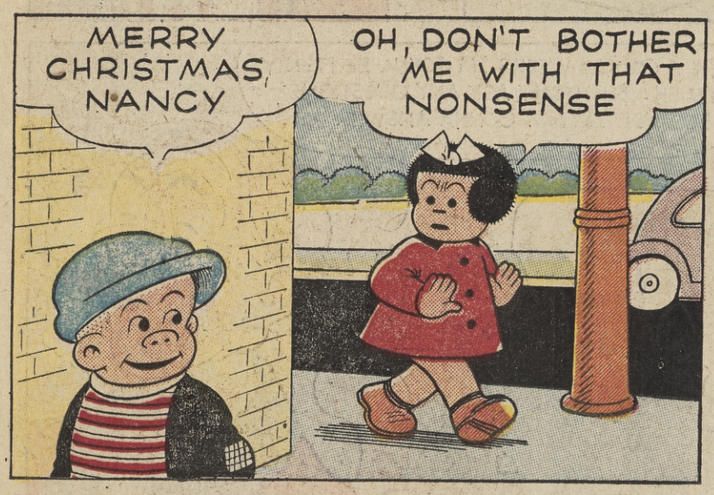

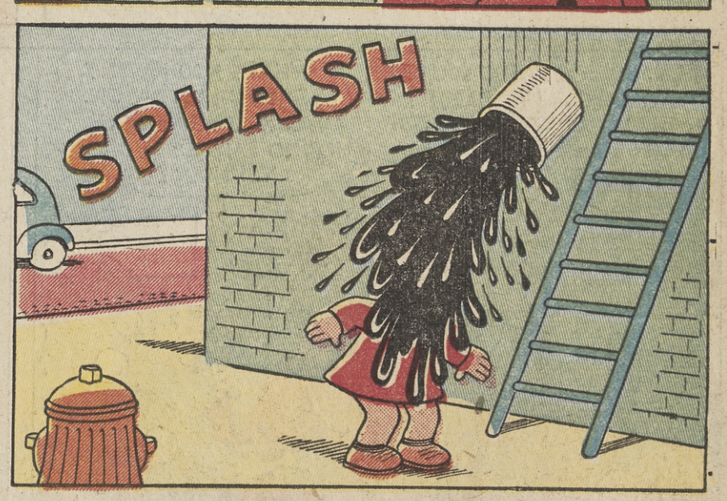

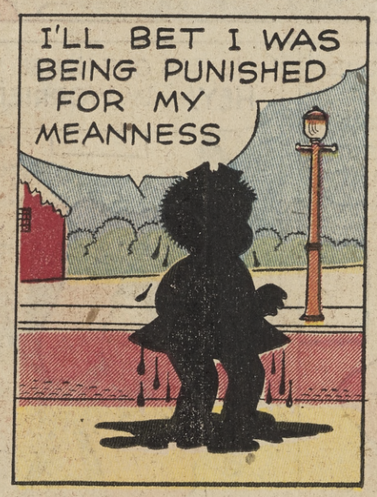

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# STRANGE as it seems

## Merry Christmas!

"GOOD KING WENCESLAUS" WAS A BOHEMIAN TYRANT! HIS WIFE, JOHANNA, WAS TORN TO PIECES BY ONE OF THE BLOODHOUNDS WHICH HE KEPT IN HIS BEDROOM AT NIGHT TO WARD OFF ASSASSINS! (1361-1419)

THE GREAT ROSE WINDOW--

IN THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, *New York City*, IS **40 FEET IN DIAMETER** AND CONTAINS OVER **10,000** PIECES OF GLASS!

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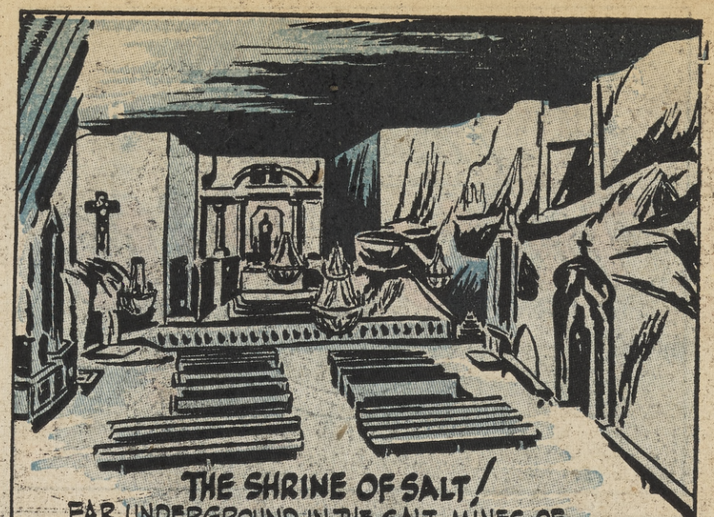

THE SHRINE OF SALT!

FAR UNDERGROUND IN THE SALT MINES OF WIELICZKA, POLAND, ARE ALTARS, CHAPELS, PATRON SAINTS, SCENES FROM THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND BEAUTIFUL CHANDELIERS CARVED FROM **SOLID SALT**! YEARS AGO SERVICES WERE HELD DAILY BUT MORE RECENTLY HOLY MASS IS HELD ONLY ON CHRISTMAS!

THE CHRISTMAS ROSE-- *of Europe*, IS **NOT** A ROSE... IT BELONGS TO THE BUTTERCUP FAMILY!

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AS A PROTECTION AGAINST ANIMALS, THE **HOLLY** BUSH DEVELOPS **THORNY** LEAVES NEAR THE GROUND, BUT HIGHER UP THEY ARE OFTEN **SMOOTH**!

CHRISTMAS TIES!

MANY STYLES OF NECKTIES ARE OFFERED BY AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS-- SOME ARE CHEMICALLY TREATED TO KEEP THE **NECK WARM**!

THE YOUNG OF THE YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO HAS FEATHERS WHICH STAY SHEATHED UNTIL ALMOST THE DAY BEFORE THE BIRD LEAVES THE NEST-- THEN OPEN FULLY IN A **FEW HOURS**!

# JOE JINKS

BY HENRY FORMHALS

BUT, JOE - YOU SAID YOU WERE SHORT ON CASH THIS YEAR! HOW IN THE WORLD COULD YOU BUY SUCH EXPENSIVE GIFTS?

WHAT? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT MY OIL WELL? IT'S PRODUCIN' 10,000 BARRELS A DAY, Y' KNOW!

NEVER MIND THE COMEDY, MR. GOLDBRICKS! WHERE DID YOU GET THE MONEY FOR ALL THESE PRESENTS?

YOU CAN CHARGE MOST ANYTHIN' THESE DAYS, Y'KNOW!

IN A COUPLA WEEKS I'M GONNA BE PLENTY FLUSH! BUT DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS BECAUSE I'M NOT GONNA ANSWER 'EM!

WELL, I CERTAINLY HOPE ALL GOES WELL--- WHATEVER IT IS!

OF COURSE, ALL WILL GO WELL! LOOK ON TH' SUNNY SIDE OF EV'RY-THING AN' EXPECT ONLY TH' **BEST**! --- BE **OPTIMISTIC**!

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BLANCHE WOULD HAVE A FIT IF SHE KNEW I WAS GONNA BET ON A HORSE THAT CHARACTER ONE-HORSE SHEA TOLD ME ABOUT! ---WOMEN ARE SO DARN SKEPTICAL! ----NO CONFIDENCE, AT ALL!

BUT WHAT TH' HECK? HE SAID IT'S A SURE THING AN' IT'LL BE AT LEAST TEN TO ONE!---I BOUGHT ALL THOSE CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON TH' STRENGTH OF IT!--- IT CAN'T LOSE ---- H-HE SAYS!

IS THIS ONE-HORSE SHEA?... **HEY!**---I'M **WORRIED!!**